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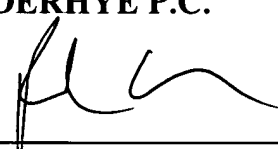
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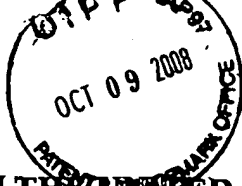
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## ASSIGNMENT

Whereas, we Nigel Titchener of Hampshire, England; and, David H. Foster of Hampshire, England, ("Applicants") have invented a new IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO STAIRLIFTS for which we have prepared and filed an international utility patent application with the World Intellectual Property Organization under the Patent Cooperation Treaty on July 27, 2004, which was assigned Application Serial Number PCT/GB04/03249, and which claims priority from application number GB 20030017615 which was filed in the United Kingdom on July 28, 2003; and,

WHEREAS STANNAH STAIRLIFTS LIMITED, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of England and Wales, United Kingdom and having a place of business at Watt Close, East Portway, Andover, Hampshire, SP10 3SD, United Kingdom ("Assignee"), desires to acquire full ownership and rights in same; therefore,

In consideration of good and valuable consideration, (the prior receipt of which we acknowledge), we hereby assign to the Assignee our full and exclusive ownership and rights to the IMPROVEMENTS IN OR RELATING TO STAIRLIFTS invention identified by international application numbers PCT/GB04/03249 and GB 20030017615 listed above.

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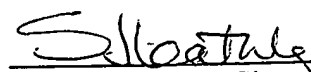
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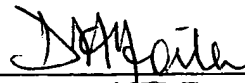
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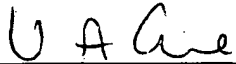
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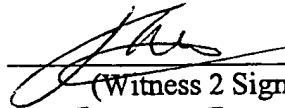


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